Rehabilitation of Army deserters

2489. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to what steps have been taken by Government for the rehabilitation of army personnel who had deserted in 1984?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : Army personnel who had deserted in 1984 are being dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Army Act and the rules thereon.

The following steps have been taken in the case of the Army personnel who had indulged in acts of indiscipline following the 'Operation Blue Star' :—-

(1) Persons who were not awarded the punishment of dismissal will continue in service.

(2) Persons who have been awarded the punishment of dismissal have a right to submit statutory petitions under die Army Act. All such petitions will be considered by the Competent Authority and redressal granted on merits of each case.

(3) All recruits who were dis charged from service will be re-screened to determine their suitability for recruitment into the Defence Security Corps.

Road accidents in Delhi

2490. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that road accidents in Delhi have registered an upward trend during the Jast six months ;

(b) if so, the number of accidents during the last six months as compar ed to those in the corresponding period of'last year;

(c) whether it is a fact that be other lactors responsible for acci dents, accidents take place when a driver jumps the signal or pays no regard to zebra crossing; and

(d) if so, what s-.eps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes.

(b) The number of accidents in the last six months arc as under :

1984	1985
(1-5-84 to 31-10-84)	(1-5-85 to 31-10-85)
3050	3150

(c) Yes.

(d) The steps taken by the Delhi Traffic Police are as under :

(l) A special drive has bet n launched to deal with traffic violations, especially, red-light jumping, obstructive parking, violations by DTC drivers and TSR drivers. During the current year, 94,104 prosecutions each for red light violations and zebra crossings have been made by the Police.

(a) The Delhi Traffic Police identifies accidents prone areas and tries to pin- point the causes of accidents. It educates the road users by making announcements, distributing road safety literature etc. The Traffic Police has a Road Safety Cell, which visits one school every week where films on road safety, exhibition and lecture are held.. The Traffic Police have also opened a Traffic Pavilion in Pragati

Maidan, where an exhibition and film shows are organised. The pavilion remains opened round-the-year.

(3) A new system of punehing/ stamping of licences has been introduced under which repeated violations of traffic laws are punishable with suspension of licence.

Constitution of commissions as per the Punjab accord

2491. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS Ije pleased to state :

(a) whether the various commissions as per the Punjab accord have been constituted;

(b) if so, what are the details of the appointments made; and

(c) what are the details of the reports of the concerned commissions if submitted to Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and (b) The position in respect of the various items of the Memorandum of Settlement are as follows :

(i) Item No. 3: Terms of reference of Justice Ranga Nath Misra Commission have been amended.

(ii) Item No. 7.2; A Commission consisting of Justice K. K. Mathew has been appointed.

(in) Item Nos. 7-4 & 9/1: Commission/ Tribunal has not yet been appointed.

(c) The work of both Justice Ranganath Misra and Justice K. K. Mathew Commissions is in progress.

Concern over poor calibre of some IAS Officers

2492. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are concerned about poor calibre of IAS and that compulsory training is to be arranged for them as reported in the 'Economic Times' of 28th October, 1985 and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether such training will be arranged for all other senior professional officials also; and

(c) whether Government propose to consider disbanding IAS cadre?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Training programmes have been organised for IAS officers at four stages, namely, for officers of 6—9 years service with focus on programme implementation ; for officers of 10—16 years service, dealing with management concepts and decision making; for officers of 17—20 years service, with stress on policy planning and analysis; and for officers of 21 years service and above, short duration seminar/workshops in functional areas at various training institutions in the country. Courses have already commenced in resptxs of the first 3 stages. The courset have been designed to develop professional competence and effective implementation of programmes intended to benefit the poor and backward sections of the people. Besides this Ministry is also conducting vertically integrated one week refresher course for IAS officers and it is expected that all IAS officers will be covered in this refresher course programme before July, 1986.

(b) The drawing up of similar training programmes and refresher courses has been advised to the Ministries/Departments dealing with various Group A Services and the draft programmes drawn up are being finalised in a series of meetings with the concerned Ministries /Depart ments.

(c) Government do not have any such proposal.